(2) Surrender kychits in regard to portions of the lands have been obtained.

(3) The work has been provided in the budget of 1108.

Velur Panchayat.

148. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) for how long a time the villagers of Theyyur and adjoining places have been requesting the improvement of the tank in Survey No. 744 of the Theyyur village;

(2) have not the Government passed an order even in 1105 (Dis. No. 1026) to allot funds for the improvement of the same;

(3) have not the Government and the Registrar of Panchayats received several petitions requesting the improvement of the said tank?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) From 1104 onwards.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has this been provided for from the lump allotment of 25 thousand?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know the reason?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—This was estimated to cost 6 thousand rupees. We had still more urgent works to be provided for this year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is the other more urgent provision than this provision for drinking water?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not exactly for drinking. It is a tank intended for agricultural purposes and for men and cattle to bathe.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is it not a provision for drinking water for cattle at least?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is so.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to take up the work in 1108, if lapsed funds permit?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is too early to say of lapses and all that. If there are lapses, the time for repaining tanks will be over. The rains will begin. It is only in Edavam that we can have a distant possibility of knowing what the lapses will be. By that time it won't be possible to take up tank work.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Why does it take so long to know what the lapses are?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Because our idea is to complete all the works.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—This work can be completed within 5 or 6 days.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Do you mean to say, from the lapsed amount of this year ?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to utilise the lapsed amount for this urgent work next year?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Account Rules as at present stand do not permit a lapsed allotment of one year being utilised for another year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is there any harm in making use of the funds available when they are not utilised for the particular purpose for which it is set apart ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It may not be possible to do that.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Perhaps on account of the rules?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Erumapatti-Vellattanjur road.

149. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any provision has been made to take up the construction of the connecting road between Erumapatti and Vellattanjur road ;

(2) has not the construction of this road been recommended by the Road Board ;

(3) has that recommendation been acted upon ; if not, what is the reason?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Yes.

(3) No. Lack of funds.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With regard to clause (3), will the Government be pleased to utilise the lapsed fund under that Department for the improvement of the road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The same answer given by the Registrar of Panchayats applies in this case also. We are not permitted to use lapsed amounts of a certain year for works of another year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to devise some method by which such lapsed funds may be used in the succeeding year, for urgent work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I admit it is a very intelligent question. It has got to be considered

Erumapatti School.

150. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state, is it not a fact that High Schools are available only at a distance of 7 or 8 miles from Erumapatti ?

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